GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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BANNED DRUGS IN CIRCULATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drugs banned by the Government during the last two years;

(b) whether some banned drugs (viz. Astemizole, Terfenadine, Nimesulid etc. banned across the world) are still in use;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the strict enforcement of ban?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) A list of drug formulation prohibited during the last two years is annexed.

(b) & (c) The drug Astemizone and Terfinadine have been prohibited since April, 2003. However, Nimesulide is permitted to be sold in the country after due examination of its rationality and use in the country. This drug is being marketed in many countries of the world.

(d) The manufacture and sale of prohibited drugs is an offence under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder and is punishable under its provisions.

ANNEXURE

NAME OF BAN DRUGS

i) Fixed dose combination of Nitrofurantoin and Trimethoprim.
ii) Fixed dose combination of Phenobarbitone with any anti-asthamatic drug.
iii) Fixed dose combination of Phenobarbitone with Hyoscin and /or Hyosocyamine.
iv) Fixed dose combination of Phenobarbitone with Ergotamine and/or Belladona.
v) Fixed dose combination of Haloperidol with any anti-cholinergic agent including Propentheline Bromide.
vi) Fixed dose combination of Nalidixic acid with any anti-amoebics including Metronidazole.
vii) Fixed dose combination of Loperamide Hydrochloride with Furazolidone.
viii) Fixed dose combination of Cyproheptadine with Lysine or Peptone.
ix) Astemizole.
x) Terfinadine.
xi) Phenformin.